



## Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, July 11, 2007  
5:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
735 Anacapa Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Santa Barbara

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Forsell called the regular meeting of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to order at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Task Force Member Forsell

### ROLL CALL: Task Force Members Present:

Steve Forsell	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Beebe Longstreet	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Suzanne Perkins	County Parks Commissioner 1 <sup>st</sup> District
James Hickling	County Parks Commissioner 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Bruce Emmens	Public Use & Facilities Staff Officer Los Padres National Forest
Linda Riddle	District Ranger, Santa Barbara Ranger District Los Padres National Forest

### City of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Kathy Frye	Associate Park/Natural Areas Planner
Karla Megill	Executive Assistant

### County of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Claude A. Garciacelay	ASLA, Park Planner
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### Los Padres National Forest Staff Present

Kerry Kellogg	Recreation Specialist, Santa Barbara Ranger District
Jeff Bensen	District Recreation Officer, Los Padres National Forest

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Otis Calef, Hans Van Koppen, Jane Murray, Roger Moore, and Sam Schaefer

## **TASK FORCE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Task Force Member Longstreet suggested the August meeting be cancelled.

Motion:

Task Force members Longstreet/Hickling that the Task Force cancel the August 2007 meeting.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-jurisdictional Task Force waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2007, and June 6, 2007

Motion:

Task Force members Longstreet/Emmons that the Task Force approve the minutes of the regular meetings of May 2, 2007.

Vote:

5/0, Hickling abstained

Motion:

Task Force members Hickling/Longstreet that the Task Force approve the minutes of the regular meetings of June 6, 2007.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

## **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Existing Conditions – Resource Protection**

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force (Task Force) receive a presentation on existing natural resources, environmental guidance, and resource protection measures.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; Jeff Bensen, District Recreation Officer, Los Padres National Forest; Claude A. Garciacelay, ASLA, Park Planner; Kathy Frye, Associate Planner, City of Santa Barbara

**3. User Group Presentations**

A. Los Padres Trail Riders

Documents:

- Written Comments

Speakers:

- Otis Calef

B. Santa Barbara Trail Riders – This item was removed from agenda, as representatives of the Santa Barbara Trail Riders were not present at the meeting.

C. Mission Canyon Association

Documents:

- PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Raymond Smith, Former President, Mission Canyon Association

Public Comment Speakers:

- Chris Orr, Diane Soini, Kat Post, Karen Jenkins, Noah Crary, Dan Haegar, Mary Sheridan

Task Force Comments:

- Task Force comments primarily concerned the possibility of setting speed limits, setting fines and enforcing them; the fact that by doing this revenue could possibly be generated; the need for City Council and the County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance in order to enforce these types of laws; and the need for additional staffing to enforce these laws. Other comments included the fact that speed may not always be the biggest problem; it may be the narrowness of the trail, the fact that there is no line of sight, etc. The Task Force also discussed parking on Tunnel Road and at the trailhead.
- Task Force member Forsell asked Ms. Zachary to put Speed Limits on the master task list for further discussion.

Chair Forsell stated that these presentations conclude the user group presentations and thanked all of the groups who spent substantial time and preparation in making their presentations. He expressed that there has been a very representative mix of

equestrians, bikers, and hikers, and thanked staff for their efforts in organizing the presentations.

Ms. Zachary advised the Task Force members that the next meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup>. She said that the Task Force will be reviewing proposals that have been developed, and spending time looking at what other communities are doing, and staff will present a structure for the Task Force to consider in moving forward with making recommendations during that meeting.

Task Force Member Riddle advised the Task Force that she will be leaving her position the end of August and moving to New Mexico. She said her permanent replacement will not be in place for some time, but there will be an interim District Ranger. Ms. Riddle said she will brief that individual on the Task Force and that person should be replacing her in that capacity.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### Motion:

At 7:09 p.m., Task Force members Perkins/Hickling that the Task Force meeting be adjourned.

### Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director